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FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. FOLLOWING RECENT VISIT KUWAIT PAO UNDELAND AND BAHRAIN/QATAR PAO HALL I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED REVISED FY 75 COUNTRY PLAN AND FURTHER REVIEWED USIS SET UP WITH AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS AND KUWAIT PAO UNDELAND. FOR THE TWILIGHT OF FY 75, A YEAR OF TRANSITION IN OUR OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN, I SUPPORT THE THREE PROPOSALS FOR BAHRAIN.

2. I THINK USIA CAN JUSTLY TAKE CREDIT, AND I AM MOST APPRECIATIVE, FOR THE GROUND WORK THAT HAS BEEN LAID IN THE CULTURAL/INFORMATIONAL FIELD IN BAHRAIN SO FAR THIS FISCAL YEAR. WASHINGTON DESK SUPPORT, WITHIN LIMITS OF FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES, HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. A PAO HALL, DESPITE HANDICAP OF WORKING OUT OF KUWAIT, IS OFF TO IMPRESSIVE START IN DEVELOPING CONTACTS AND "FEEL FOR THE TERRITORY" IN PREPARATION FOR DEVELOPING A WORTHWHILE PROGRAM FOR BAHRAIN. I AM ESPECIALLY
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GRATEFUL FOR TRANSITIONAL GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE PAO

UNDELAND, HAS GIVEN HIM, AND EMBASSY GENERALLY, IN THIS ENDEAVOR. DIRECTOR KEOGH'S VISIT HERE WAS OF COURSE HIGHLIGHT OF USIA EFFORT, WITH FAVORABLE IMPACT FAR TRANSCENDING STRICT USIS CONTEXT.

3. LOOKING AHEAD TO FY 76 I THINK WE STILL HAVE SOME SORTING OUT TO DO, BOTH AS TO PROGRAM CONTENT AND USIS ORGANIZATIONAL SET UP. PROPOSED VISIT DESK OFFICER PENNEY IN LATE FEBRUARY WILL BE EXCELLENT CHANCE TO GET ON WITH THIS. BASIC QUESTION IS WHETHER USIS OBJECTIVES IN BAHRAIN AND QATAR WILL IN FUTURE BE MOST EFFECTIVELY SERVED BY PRESENT OPERATION BASED IN KUWAIT OR WHETHER TIME HAS COME TO MOVE THE PAO FOR BAHRAIN/QATAR TO MANAMA OR DOHA.
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